Setting up of A Team for Liability cases

*62. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI RANJI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the procedure adopted by the Team set up to determine liabilities and whether the Team is likely to take up verification/determination of liabilty on a case to case basis or all the liabilities would be worked out and consolidated report would be sent to Government:

(b) whether it is a fact that the Team comprises of retired persons;

(c) if so, in what manner they would be accountable;

(d) whether the Team has been provided with earlier decisions of Courts and other relevant papers including legal opinion of Ministry of Law; and

(e) if so, what are the details of records given to the Team and what are the names and designations of persons who have been assigned the work to assist the Team?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) With a view to settling the long pending issues of recoveries from various drug companies into the Drug Prices Equalisation Account (DPEA), the Government has constituted a Three Member Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Justice R. L. Gupta, a sitting Judge of the Delhi High Court, including Dr. P. K. Mattoo and Shri J. S. Iyer, both retired Government Officers. The Committee, being independent in its functioning, decides the procedure to be adopted by it. Adequate provisions have been made for staff to assist the Committee. Documentation, as required by the Committee, has been provided.

Violation of Law by National and International Carriers

*63. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the private national and international carriers are resorting to traiff violations and other discounting policies in violation of Indian laws to promote their business; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In June, 1994, the Board of Airline Repreentative (BAR) reported to DGCA that some foreign airlines operating from India particularly the European and U.K. Carries were resorting to tariff violations in contravention of the provisions of the Aircraft Rules, 1937. A meeting of all foreign operators was convened by the Director General of Civil Aviation on 08.07.1994 to discuss this issue and the operators were advised to follow strictly the provisions of Aircraft Rules, 1937 in regard to levy of fares.

Private national carriers i.e. Air Taxi Operators, being non-scheduled operators, are allowed to levy any tariff depending on the market conditions.

Development of the aviation linkage in N-E

*64. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are attaching prime importance to the development of the North-East aviation linkage;

(b) if so, whether such an approach is in consonance with the fact that the

number of flights between Calcutta and Agartala has been reduced;

(c) whether Government have any plan to rectify the situation and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the private operators will be asked to play a role to improve the aviation linkage in the North-East?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Number of services between Agartala and Calcutta had to be reduced from 13 flights a week to 9 flights a week from 3-4-94 due to operating crew constraints.

(c) Efforts are being made to improve crew availability but the constraint still persists.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Observation of International Medical Commission on Bhopal Gas Tragedy

*65. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESWARI:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of observations made by the 15-Member International Medical Commission on Bhopal in relation to MIC-leakage tragedy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Government have not received any report from the Commission.

CSIR Study on Industrial Development

*66. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) had been entrusted the task of making a study on the Industrial Development in the country in the recent past; and

(b) if so, what are the measures taken by CSIR during the last three years and the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Repercussions of Sanctions Imposed by US on ISRO

*67.SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the two year sanction imposed by the United